Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Child abuse is a complex and ongoing problem in our society, affecting great numbers of children; and,

WHEREAS, Every child is entitled to be loved, cared for, nurtured, and secure; and,

WHEREAS, Community involvement is needed to help families break the cycle of abuse and improve family life; and,

WHEREAS, The welfare and development of all children is the responsibility of every adult with whom he or she comes in contact; and,

WHEREAS, The South Dakota Department of Social Services, and South Dakota's Community Child Protection Teams hope to involve the state's population in supporting programs that foster prevention of child abuse and neglect:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 1989 as

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

in South Dakota, and urge all citizens to work together to help reduce child abuse and neglect significantly in the years to come.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twentieth Day of March, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Nine

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE